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ARIZONA SUPREME COURT

In the Matter of:

Petition to Adopt New Rule To Permit Admission On Motion to the Bar of Arizona Supreme Court No. R-06-0017

Attorney General's Comment Supporting Petition

Pursuant to Arizona Supreme Court Rule 28, Attorney General Terry Goddard submits this comment to support the Petition to adopt a rule allowing admission to the practice of law in Arizona upon motion under certain circumstances.

The Attorney General supports this petition for the reasons articulated in the petition and in the various comments that have been submitted in support. In addition, permitting admission on motion would benefit government and public sector law offices in particular by making it easier to

recruit well-qualified attorneys who are experienced in public law specialties. For example, many attorneys in attorney general offices in other jurisdictions have expertise relevant to our practice -- criminal prosecution, consumer protection, public sector law office management – and could be invaluable additions to our office. Unlike many private law firms, however, the Attorney General's office's ability to hire attorneys before they are admitted to the Arizona bar is limited. As a result, we often lose promising candidates who are interested in relocating to Arizona and working as public lawyers.

The majority of jurisdictions now allow admission on motion, and it does not appear to have created significant disciplinary problems in those jurisdictions. The proposal has sufficient protections built in to protect Arizona consumers of legal services, and we urge the Court to adopt the proposed rule allowing admission to the Arizona bar by motion.

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Copy of the foregoing Comment has been filed this 21st day of May, 2007 with:

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